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1. WHEN WITH FAHMY TWO EVENINGS AGO, I TOLD HIM I WANTED TO BRING IN A SMALL COMPLEMENT OF MARINE GUARDS. FAHMY IMMEDIATELY GAVE HIS APPROVAL.

2. I TOLD HIM THAT, UNLESS GOE OBJECTS, I WOULD WANT TO FOLLOW THE PATTERN THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY EXISTED WHEN MARINE GUARDS WERE PRESENT. SPECIFICALLY, MARINES WOULD BE IN UNIFORM WHEN IN CHANCERY BUILDING, BUT ANY MARINE POSTED TO GATEHOUSE COULD BE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. MARINES WOULD BE ARMED. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE, BUT UNDERTOOK TO CHECK OUT PRESIDENT'S VIEWS.

3. ALTHOUGH I AM STILL AWAITING FINAL CONFIRMATION, I THINK WE CAN PROCEED TO PLAN FOR DEPLOYMENT OF A SMALL MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT. FORMER MARINE GUARD HOUSE HAS NOT YET BEEN REHABILITATED, BUT QUARTERS USED BY MARINES FROM '61 TO '67 ON SEVENTH FLOOR ZAHRA BUILDING ARE AVAILABLE. THESE QUARTERS WILL BE READY ON OR ABOUT APRIL 1.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT MAY BE EXPECTED.

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